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HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Paid-up CAPITAL.....5,000,000 Dollars.
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INTEREST ALLOWED.

ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 1 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

For Fixed Deposits—
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 6 per cent.
" 12 " 6 per cent. "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.
Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts, granted on London, and the chief commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan;

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Hongkong, February 27, 1878.

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.

CAPITAL.....\$200,000.
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THE BANK OF ENGLAND.
THE CITY BANK.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND.

THE BANK'S BRANCH in Hongkong grants Drafts on London and the chief commercial places in Europe and the East; buys and receives for collection Bills of Exchange; and conducts all kinds of Banking and Exchange Business.

Local Bills discounted, and interest allowed on Current Accounts and on Deposits for fixed periods on terms which may be ascertained on application.

FOR SALE.

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TWO AMERICAN and ONE ENGLISH Second-hand BILLIARD TABLES, with BALLS, CUES, LAMPS, &c., Complete. Apply to

D. NOWROZEE,

Hongkong, July 11, 1878.

FOR SALE.

FOR SALE.

CORK and TAR in Quantities to suit Purchasers, at CHEAP RATES.

Apply to

GAS COMPANY,

West Point.

Hongkong, June 19, 1878.

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THE 90 & 1 BRITISH STEAMSHIP "ARGENTINO," 918 Tons Register (126 Tons Gross). For Particulars, apply to the Captain on Board. Hongkong, June 4, 1878.

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IN THREE VOLUMES.

THE CONCISE DICTIONARY OF CHINESE; A Revision and Phonetic Arrangement of K'ANGHI'S IMPERIAL DICTIONARY, by J. Calmers, L.L.D.

Hongkong: LANE, CRAWFORD & CO., Shanghai: KELLY & WALSH.

June 19, 1878.

For Sale.

LAMBERT, ATKINSON & CO.

HAVE FOR SALE.

VEYRON'S FRENCH COFFEE MACHINES, Assorted Sizes, New System, with Automatic Lamp. COFFEE ROASTERS, and COFFEE MILLS. SETS OF GARDENING UTENSILS. GENTS' TOOL CHESTS. MASSEY'S PATENT LOGS. METALLIC MEASURING TAPES, in strong Leather Cases. SPIRIT LEVELS. HAMMERS. DOG COLLARS and CHAINS. SAILOR'S SEWING and ROPE PALMS. COPPER SIGNAL LAMPS, & MAST-HEAD LAMPS, fitted with Dioptric Lenses according to the latest Admiralty Regulations.

DIOPTRIC LENSES for Signal Lamps, POTHOLE GLASSES, assorted sizes.

BOOKS.

TRAVELLER'S GUIDE BOOKS. LETT'S DIARIES, for 1878. NOVELS, SCHOOL BOOKS. WORKS OF REFERENCE and GIFT BOOKS.

SHEET MUSIC and SONGS.

IMPERIAL TRACING PAPER. RODGERS' CELEBRATED CUTLERY. MAPPIN Bro's SCISSORS. MANIFOLD WRITERS. LETTER SCALES. STATIONERY of ALL KINDS. BROWN WRAPPING PAPER. CARD BOARD, assorted Colours. DATE RACKS, INVOICE FILES. QUILL PEN-MAKING MACHINES. UNDERWOOD'S BLACK WRITING INK. MAUVE INK. MAYNARD & NOTES WRITING and COPIING INK. MUCILAGE, &c., &c.

KELLY & WALSH'S CELEBRATED SMOKING MIXTURE, and

HAPPY THOUGHT TOBACCO.

Very Fine MANILA CIGARS, CIGARETTES, &c., &c.

BACQUY & PERIN'S PORTER, in Hhds. and Kilderkins.

FINEst CHERBOURG BUTTER, in Bottles.

Hongkong, May 6, 1878.

CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

THIS REFINERY MANUFACTURES

LAOF SUGAR, (in 5, 10, and 15 lbs. Leaves.)

CUT LOAF SUGAR.

CUBE SUGAR (Lyle's Patent).

CRYSTALLIZED SUGAR, mark C. S. R. (in diamond) 4 I.M.

FINE WHITE SUGAR, mark C. S. R. (in diamond) 2 I.M.

MEDIUM WHITE SUGAR, mark C. S. R. (in diamond) 4 I.M.

FINE YELLOW SUGAR, mark C. S. R. (in diamond) 4 I.M.

COFFEE SUGAR, mark C. S. R. (in diamond) 2 I.M.

GOLDEN SYRUP, SYRUP, and MOLASSES.

SPRITS of WINE and LAMP SPIRIT.

RUM, 45°, 30°, D. P., and Naval.

ANIMAL CHARCOAL and DUST.

AMMONIACAL LIQUOR, from Bone.

BONE TAR (a preventive of white ants).

ROUGH BONE TALLOW.

Packed in Quantities and Packages to suit Customers.

Particulars and Prices on application to

THE MANAGER,

CHINA SUGAR REFINING CO., LIMITED,

East Point, Hongkong.

March 5, 1878.

Intimations.

NOTICE.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO. are pre-

pared to SUPPLY FAMILIES and

SHIPS with the SUGARS MANUFAC-

TURED by the CHINESE SUGAR RE-

FINERY.

Hongkong, June 18, 1878.

ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION.

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

RATES of Interest allowed on Deposits.

At 3 months' notice 5% per Annum.

" 6 " 6%

" 12 " 6%

D. A. J. CROMBIE,

acting Manager.

Oriental Bank Corporation,

Hongkong, July 1, 1878.

Ball's

NECTAR OORDIAL,

MADE FROM HERB

A STIMULANT AND APPETIZER.

WHOLESALE AGENTS FOR GREAT BRITAIN:

MESSRS. GEO. CURLING & CO.,

St. Mary Axe, London.

W. BALL,

China Druggery, Hongkong.

June 20, 1878.

Intimations.

For Sale.

EX-LATE ARRIVALS.

DRAWING PAPER.

FARINA'S EAU DE COLOGNE.

TRACING PAPER and CLOTH.

QUININE.

RED INK for STEEL PENS.

BASS'S ALE and GUINNESS'S STOUT, bottled by Foster.

PRICKLY HEAT SOAP.

SUMMER SOCKS.

LAWN TENNIS BATS and BALLS.

NEW SHIRTS and COLLARS.

GRAPHOSCOPES.

STUDENT'S DICTIONARIES.

PEN-MAKING MACHINES.

CARBOLIC ACID.

NEW PLAYING CARDS.

IRIDESCENT FLOWER VASES.

IRIDESCENT SPECIMEN GLASSES.

FLOWER TROUGHS.

ELECTRO-PLATED WARE.

AMERICAN ICE PITCHERS.

TABLE CUTLERY.

GOLD LEAF TOBACCO.

THE NEW LIFE JACKET.

G. B. D. PIPES.

IRISH CONSTABULARY REVOLVERS.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

HAVE JUST RECEIVED THEIR SUPPLY OF THE NEW SEASON'S

CUMSHAW MIXTURE.

This well-known and delicious Tea, is most acceptable present to home friends, and is delivered free of all charges or duty to any part of Great Britain, at \$8 per 5 Catty and \$14 per 10 Catty Box.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Hongkong, June 24, 1878.

Intimations.

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE.

ADJUSTMENT of BONUS for the YEAR

1877.

SHAREHOLDERS in the above Office

are requested to furnish the Under-

signed with a List of their Contribution

for the Year ending 31st December, 1877,

THE CHINA MAIL.

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NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES

NOTICE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP CO.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the Company's Steamer *CITINA*, from SAN FRANCISCO and YOKOHAMA, are hereby notified that their Goods are being landed into the Godowns of the Company at their risk and expense, and from whence delivery may be obtained.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

RUSSELL & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, July 15, 1878. jy18

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the British Bark *QUEEN OF THE SEAS*, from NEW YORK, are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Under-signed for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

RUSSELL & CO.

Hongkong, July 12, 1878. jy18

FROM LONDON AND SINGAPORE.

THE S. S. *Gleniffer*, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods with the exception of Opium—are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Undersigned, whence and/or from the Wharves or Bota delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 10 o'clock To-morrow.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 19th instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.

Hongkong, July 12, 1878. jy18

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Consignees of the undenoted Cargo are hereby informed that unless the same be taken delivery of within one month from this date it will be sold to defray expenses.

A R 1/2, 2 Cases MUSKETS, Ex "Oxfordshire," from London, 3d March, 1878.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.

Hongkong, June 20, 1878. jy20

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of the following Cargo are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and take immediate delivery. This cargo has been landed and stored at their risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

H. DU POUEY, Agent.

Ex "Amazon," TH 164, Mr. L. Thévenin, from 1 case Ink, Marseilles.

Ex "Andaly," B.P. No. 38, Mr. Vincent, from 1 case Cigars, Marseilles.

JOM (in diamond) No 77/84 from Order, 18 lbs. Cinnamon, Galle.

Hongkong, July 13, 1878.

INTIMATIONS.

CONSULAT DE FRANCE A HONGKONG.

DIRECTION DE L'INTERIEUR.

AVIS D'ADJUDICATION.

LE SAMEDI 24 aout 1878, à huit heures du matin, dans la salle ordinaire des adjudications de la Direction de l'Intérieur, à Saigon, il sera procédé à l'adjudication, sur soumission cachetée, DES FERMES RÉUNIES

DE L'OPPIUM ET DES EAUX-DE-VIE DE RIZ, en Cochinchine, pour une durée de trois années consécutives, du 1er janvier 1879 au 31 décembre 1881.

Les soumissions, écrites en français et conformes au modèle ci-après, devront être accompagnées d'un récépissé constatant le versement au trésor d'une somme de 321,000 francs à titre de dépôt de garantie provisoire.

Les personnes qui désireront soumissionner pourront prendre connaissance du cahier des charges aux "obusinats" de France à Hong-kong, Shang-hai et Singapore, et au bureau de la Direction de l'Intérieur, à Saigon, où il leur sera également donné communication des divers arrêtés et renseignements concernant les dites fermes.

MODÈLE DE SOUMISSION.

Je (ou nous) assuré(e) (nom, prénoms, professions et domiciles) déclare (ou déclarons) accepter à mes (ou nos) frais et risques, les termes réunis de l'Opium et des eaux-de-vie de riz, en Cochinchine, pour une durée de trois années consécutives, qui commenceront le 1er janvier 1879, pour prendre fin le 31 décembre 1881, et ce moyennant un fermage annuel de (mêtre le somme en toutes lettres et en français).

Je m'engage (ou nous nous engageons) en outre à (ou nous) conformer strictement aux clauses et conditions du cahier des charges aux "obusinats" de France à Hong-kong, Shang-hai et Singapore, et au bureau de la Direction de l'Intérieur, à Saigon, où il sera également donné communication des divers arrêtés et renseignements concernant les dites fermes.

TRANSLATION.

DIRECTION DE L'INTERIEUR.

NOTICE OF ADJUDICATION.

ON SATURDAY, the 24th August 1878, at 8 a.m., there will take place, in the ordinary Hall of Adjudication of the Direction of the Interior at Saigon, the adjudication with reference to the sealed Tenders, for the united Farm of Opium and Rice-Spirits, in Cochinchina, for the term of three consecutive years, from 1st January 1879 to 31st December 1881.

The Tenders to be written in French, and in conformity with the appended form, should be accompanied by a receipt certifying that a sum of 321,000 francs has been lodged in the Treasury as a deposit of pro tanto guarantee.

Persons desiring to tender, see reverse information, regarding the specification

INTIMATIONS.

TERMS, at the French Consulates at Hong-kong, Shanghai and Singapore, and at the Bureau of the Direction of the Interior at Saigon, where there will also be communicated to them the several official notifications and regulations concerning the said farms.

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Original Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 10 o'clock To-morrow.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 19th instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

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Hongkong, July 12, 1878. jy18

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Hongkong, July 12, 1878. jy18

INTIMATIONS.

TERMS, at the French Consulates at Hong-kong, Shanghai and Singapore, and at the Bureau of the Direction of the Interior at Saigon, where there will also be communicated to them the several official notifications and regulations concerning the said farms.

I (we) the undersigned (name, surname, profession and domicile) declare that I (we) will undertake to my (our) cost and risk the united farm of opium and rice-spirits in Cochinchina, for the term of three consecutive years, commencing on the 1st January 1879 and terminating on 31st December 1881, and I (we) herewith tender an annual farm rental of (state the sum, writing out the words in full, and in francs). I (we) moreover pledge myself (ourselves) strictly to conform with the clauses and conditions of the specification of terms of 15th June 1878, approved on the 18th day of the same month, relative to the adjudication, and with which I (we) declare myself (ourselves) to be perfectly acquainted.

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REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

[SUPPLIED TO THE "CHINA MAIL".]

(By Southern Route.)
LONDON, 15th July, 1878.The European Congress is finished—and
the Treaty has been signed.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The P. M. S. S. China leaves on Saturday,
the 20th.The 7th Band will play in the Public
Gardens at 9 o'clock this evening.The case at the Summary Court to-day
were of no interest to our readers, the litig-
ants being all Chinese.The sale of the valuable land and godowns
at Bowrington and Wanchoi, by Mr H. N.
Mody to-day, realized the sum of \$50,000.
The property was sold in five lots; and Mr
O. P. Chater was the purchaser of two
lots, while other two were bought by Mr W.
Keightfoot Hughes, and one lot fell to Mr
Landstein.CHINESE NOTES.
The eldest sons of military officers who
die a natural death inherit the same public
rank as the sons of civilians of the same
grade, which rank is of course personal,
and does not again descend to their own
offspring. A different class of honours
altogether, however, is bestowed on the
eldest sons of military officers who have
been killed in battle. The son of a ch'ing-
ch'i-tu-wai (將軍廝衛) (with a clear blue
button) which is hereditary for five genera-
tions, that is, as far as the first recipient's
great-great-grandson. The son of an officer
of the 2nd or 3rd rank obtains a similar
hereditary honour with a dull blue button
and the title of ch'ü-tu-wai (將軍廝衛).
The sons of all other officers, however low
their grade, obtain an analogous honour
with a crystal button, and the rank of yün
chi-i-wai (雲騎尉). The privilege at-
tached to these ranks are that the proprie-
tors of them, supposing they can muster up
sufficient money to purchase a hat and gown
(pao), have the right to be introduced to
the Provincial Authorities of their birth-
place; moreover, if they hold office, civil
or military, they may add these hereditary
titles to the string of their official appella-
tions. They are not bound to make use of
or recognize their titles, and in fact, many
coolies would on close examination turn
out to be hereditary "nobles" in disguise;
on the other hand no Viceroy would be
ashamed of adding the title of yün chi-i-wai
to his designation.It is very common to talk of the Hoppo
of Canton as an official "who holds his
commission direct from the Emperor." Every civil officer in the Empire above the
rank of lin (郎), or district magistrate,
holds his post with the special approval of
the Emperor; though in some cases the
approval follows as a matter of course on
the recommendation of a Viceroy or Lieu-
tenant-Governor. The Hoppo is officially
appointed (after privately bargaining with
the high Court Officials as to how many
millions he will divide amongst them) in the
following simple way. An edict appears
"The Hoppohip of Canton, 1st John Jones
has it." But numerous other Browns,
Jones, and Robinsons obtain their ap-
pointments as prefects and magistrates in the
same way. There are three classes of dis-
trict magistrate vacancies. TheThe first class, or the 外任 (外任), or the 外官 (外官), To take the Province of Canton as an instance: there are two of the first class; about 34 of the 2nd; and about 44 of the 3rd, for the eighty magisterial districts. The two metropolitan magistracies of Nanchot and Fung-ti represent the first class; the incumbents for these posts are always chosen, subject to the Emperor's approval, by the Provincial Authorities, from amongst magistrates already holding magistracies in this Province. The second class are appointed by the Emperor on the recommendation of the Board at Peking from amongst the successful candidates at the examinations, who hang about in large numbers at the Metropolis waiting for the joyful hour when a sponge shall be given them to squeeze. As a rule these persons are obliged to borrow their travelling ex-
penses and outfit, and are followed to their posts by the numerous harpy who has fitted them out, and who takes good care that his speculation does not turn out a losing one for want of a keen eye to the dice. It frequently happens that the Provincial Authorities encroach upon these appointments, on various pretexts, and recommend that the appointment be, "on this occasion," considered provincial. (相留外補).

The third class are recommended to the Emperor by the Viceroy and Governor at the instance (會計) of the Provincial Treasurer and Judge. This last class serve on probation (試用), for a year; the two first, not. There are seven chou, (州), districts in Canton Province, two of which are 外任 and five of which are 外官. There are also four independent (直隸), chou, ranking with but after a few, of which one only is 外任. Of the prefectures, (府), there are nine, of which only two are 外任. All these posts are distinguished into the "easy," the "moderate," and the "important," and the most important one of all are called the "four word vacancies" (ankious, busy, bustling, difficult). The magistrates of Canton, both of them four-character men have no easy time of it, having to visit the Viceroy and Governor every morning at six o'clock, besides performing multifarious civil, criminal, pontifical, diplomatic, financial, and other duties, not to mention making hay whenever there is a glimpse of sun.

nothing would make the Gaol more
revered by Chinese than knowing every
prisoner would be in separate confinement
for the whole of his term of im-
prisonment. Separate confinement is
inquestionably the true system of prison
discipline. The remainder of Dr Ayres'
marks in this paragraph are suggestive:
Very many of the prisoners who are sent
to Gaol for short terms are a source
of great trouble; they are often in such
debilitated state that it becomes a
seasay to give them better food than
a penal diet simply to avoid Convict's
inquests, and then, when they get a good
meal, they make the discovery that they
have only to cut a tree in sight of a
clock to get back to Gaol and a full
cell, and accordingly they are soon again
in our hands. So if one err on the side
of humanity, the Gaol fills, or, if on the
side of strict justice, a coffin is perhaps
filled a few days sooner than it would
otherwise be." The Colonial Surgeon's
remarks in regard to opium smoking
differ very materially from the appalling
stories regarding the vice found in the
publications of the Anti-opium Society,
and the general missionary body; but
the Colonial Surgeon deals more with
facts than opinions, while the few con-
clusions he has formed upon his own
experience appear to be both sound and
moderate.We observe from the home papers that the
Rev. Dr. Legge, Professor of Chinese at
Oxford University, was asked to become
Chairman of the Congregational Union for
1878, and that the Rev. Professor wisely
declined the honour. The Rev. Mr White-
head, of the Wesleyan Mission at Canton,
has delivered a most powerful and eloquent
address at the annual meeting of his Society
in London, in which he speaks of English
merchants and the Home Government with
great discretion, and deals with missions in
China with straightforwardness, truth and
unusual honesty.Dr Silvester's Company arrived here yes-
terday from Singapore, and intend giving
their first entertainment in the City Hall
on Saturday evening next. At Singapore
the Company have had a very successful
season, and the Straits papers speak very
highly of the performances. The enter-
tainments include panoramic views, vocal
and instrumental music, and spiritual and
scientific manifestations, one or two of the
chief features of the manifestations being
"the floating lady" and the "fairy foun-
tain." Dr Silvester brings a very exten-
sive and elaborate apparatus with him.Tas last but one of Mr Dave Carson's
entertainments on the occasion of his pre-
sent visit to Hongkong was given at the
City Hall yesterday evening for the benefit
of "Eta." As might have been confid-
ently anticipated, the "original comic
stamp speech" by Dave was a remarkably
good performance that elicited a vast
amount of merriment from the audience.

The comic drama "The Good for Nothing"

was exceedingly well rendered by the Com-
pany, "Eta" in particular making a
splendid "Nan." To-morrow evening the
farewell entertainment of the Company will
be given, for the benefit of "that rising
young actor" Dave Carson. The pro-
gramme for the event is no doubt the best
the Company have yet placed before the
public. A special attraction will be theBand of the 7th Highlanders. The bur-
lesque tragic opera "Bombastes Furioso,"

will, in itself, be worth a visit to the Hall,

and its performance a second time has,

we believe, been specially reserved for this,

the closing entertainment of the Company.

The "house" no doubt will be a crowded

one.

The festivities at Brisbane on the occasion
of Her Majesty's birthday seem to have
been of a very extensive and attractive
kind. One of the Queensland papers (the
Patriot) waxed eloquent over the Ball given
on the occasion by Sir Arthur Kennedy at
Government House. Its notice is written
by "Our Dazzled Reporter," and the details
furnished to the public are such as would
open the eyes of the astute and sober-minded
community of Hongkong. The cool way in
which the Reporter, dazzled as aforesaid,
discusses by name the claims of three ladies,
including those of the hostess, to be con-
sidered the belle of the evening, and the
manner in which he records how Miss —
wore "pale green something" and Mrs. —
white satin or silk, while the Solicitor's wife
danced with the chief bailiff, are most re-
treaching tit-bits of Colonial journalism.The Brisbane Courier writes more sensibly
about the affair, and says that the event
was "right royally celebrated." It says:—
"Last night's ball was made additionally
attractive by the presence of many fair
young debutantes at Government House.
This is not a lady's journal, else we might
be tempted to imitate who was considered
the "moderate," and the "important,"
and the most important one of all are called
the "four word vacancies" (ankious, busy,
bustling, difficult). The magistrates of
Canton, both of them four-character men
have no easy time of it, having to visit the
Viceroy and Governor every morning at
six o'clock, besides performing multifarious
civil, criminal, pontifical, diplomatic, finan-
cial, and other duties, not to mention
making hay whenever there is a glimpse of
sun."course, high treason even to indicate." The
invitations numbered about 800, while over
600 were present; and the geniality and
tact of Sir Arthur and Miss Kennedy seem
to have given immense satisfaction; so
much so that the Governor's health was
drunk with musical honours, after the royal
toast had been duly honoured; and the
Courier insists upon the addition of a spa-
cious ball-room to the Governor's house for
similar entertainments in the future.Mr Baber, in his report on the route fol-
lowed by Mr Grosvenor's mission between
Tali-Fu and Momei, which has just been
printed, speaking of opium and poppy cul-
tivation in China, observes:—"We were
astounded at the extent of the poppy cul-
tivation both in Sia-chuan and Yunnan.
We first heard of it on the boundary line
between Hu-pai and Sia-chuan. A few
miles south of this spot the most valuable
variety of native opium is produced. In
ascending the river, wherever cultivation
existed we found numerous fields of poppy.
Even the sandy banks were often planted
with it down to the water's edge; it was not
until we began our land journey in Yunnan
that we fairly realized the enormous extent
of its production. With some fear of being
discredited, but, at the same time, with a con-
sciousness that I am under-estimating the
proportion, I estimate that the poppy fields
constitute a third of the whole cultivation of
Yunnan. We walked some hundreds of
miles through poppies; we breakfasted among
them; we shot wild ducks in the
poppies. Even wretched little hovels in the
mountains were generally attended by
a poppy patch." It is not surprising to find
that in a country so given over to narcotics
as that described by Mr Baber the very
wild birds have become demoralized. The
ducks, called locally "opium ducks," which
frequently supplied Mr Baber and his party
with a meal, do, he says, really appear to
stupify themselves by feeding on the
narcotic vegetable. They allowed the
travellers to walk openly up to within
twenty yards of them, and even then they
rose very languidly. The natives assert
that the flesh of these birds is so im-
pregnated with laudanum as to exercise a
sooporative influence on the consumer.—*Pall
Mall Budget.*Police Intelligence.
(Before C. V. Creagh, Esq.)

July 16, 1878.

UNWORTHY FODDER.

Fang Aki, a shopman, was charged by
P. C. A. McDougall (No. 86) with selling unwholesome fodder. Defendant, it appears, is the contractor for the supply of
fodder for the police horses. Last year complaints were made to the Captain Superintendent of Police of the bad quality of
the grain and straw supplied by the defendant, a sample of the bean which was produced in Court containing a quantity of
chopped wood. Such food would be very injurious to a horse. The fodder had been frequently sent back to the defendant on
account of its inferior quality. The defendant said he bought the grain from a Parsee and believed it to be of good quality.
Fined \$15 or one month's hard labour.

LABOUR.

Li Amo, a boy 16 years of age, was sent
to two weeks' hard labour and two weeks
solitary confinement for stealing a vase.Un Akai, a coolie, was sent to 14 days'
hard labour for stealing a basket of slack
(or mud) from the Naval Yard.

CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL."
Hongkong, 16th July 1878.Sir,—In this morning's issue of the
Daily Press, I observed a paragraph pur-
porting to give an account of what took
place yesterday at the swearing-in of a jury
on a Coroner's Inquest, which is scarcely
credible. I earnestly hope that some ex-
planation will be forthcoming, for every
lover of justice and fair play must feel
most uncomfortable that a magistrate should
be on the bench who, if the report be
correct, must be utterly ignorant of the
most elementary principles of English
Common Law.The rule is well known, and its reason-
ableness generally admitted, that if a man's
name be placed on the jury list, and he
lodges no objection before the final adjust-
ment for the year, he must serve, even
although he may have a claim to exemption;
which, if stated at the proper time, would
have relieved him; but if his service must
necessarily result in doing grave injustice
to a prisoner, is there any judge or magistrate
in Great Britain or her Colonies who
would permit him to act?The knowledge of principles, without the
ability to apply them, is unfortunately
much too common among the holders of
acting appointments, and should it be
absolutely necessary that the gentleman,
who at present performs the duties of
Coroner, should be retained in the position,
I would suggest that a legal assessor should
be nominated to sit with him, and thereby
would be prevented a recurrence of such an
outrage on justice and common sense as he
is reported to have committed yesterday.

Yours, VINDEX.

To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL."

July 16, 1878.
Sir,—Knowing that our artistic Surveyor
General is always ready to receive sugges-
tions in connection with his department
and the works thereof, I would venture
to draw his attention to the projected
stair leading from the Glen at the top of
Arbutnot Road. The road at that part is
rather too narrow as it is, but it will be
made practically still more so, should the
stair be finished according to the plan
indicated by the frame now put up—a plan
carried by coolies from the Glen will be very
much in the way of passing traps, or pedes-
trians generally. I would suggest that a
crescent portion be taken from the Glen,
say 12 or 18 feet at the centre, and added
to the present road. If the above suggestion
were adopted, I feel sure it would be
acknowledged by nearly all that a great
improvement had been made on a very
pleasant part of Hongkong.

Yours, AN OBSERVER.

CHINHOA.

TEA.—The Hankow Tea Market Report
of the 1st instant says the opening of the
market for 2nd crop Tea has been the
chief feature of interest during the fort-
night. Masters from Yang-ko-wang-ton
were shown on the 21st ult., and a few
settlements were reported on the same day
at Tis. 19.20 & 20.50 per picul; being an
increase of Tis. 4.20 per picul on last year's
rates. Tea from the further Districts
arrived three days later and were eagerly
competed for by both English and Russian
buyers on the same scale of prices as open-
ing rates. The well known shops Ching-
ku and Ping-hing from Chong-sow-lai
realized Tis. 23.00 per picul against a cost
of Tis. 18.80 per picul last year. The
quality of the crop is pronounced rather
superior to last year, excepting Sun-yangs,
which show no improvement. Arrival of
2nd crops to date amount to 84,000 piculs,
against 28,000 cheongs last year; of these
12,000 cheongs have only been placed on the
market to day.The following are the prices paid for 2nd
Crop Tea:—

	1878.
Sun-yangs,	Tis. 19.00 — per picul.
Young-low-tangs,	17.50 & 23.00 per picul.
Chong-sow-lai,	21.80 & 23.80 "
Wu-kai,	18.00 & 21.50 "
Nip-ca-sizes,	15.00 & 20.25 "

	1878.
Sun-yangs,	14.00 & 17.50 "
Young-low-tangs,	12.00 & 18.00 "
Chong-sow-lai,	12.00 & 25.25 "
Wu-kai,	12.00 & 24.50 "
Nip-ca-sizes,	11.00 & 22.00 "

	1878.
Sun-yangs,	24.00 & 26.00 per picul.
Young-low-tangs,	22.00 & 24.00 "
Chong-sow-lai,	21.50 & 25.25 "
Wu-kai,	22.00 & 24.50 "
Nip-ca-sizes,	21.00 & 22.00 "

	1878.

G. A. G.

NOTICE.
COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.
PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAISE.
STEAM FOR
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,
POINT DE GALLE,
ADEN, SUEZ, ISMAILIA, PORT
SAID, NAPLES, AND
MARSSELLS;
ALSO,
PONDICHERY, MADRAS, CAL-
CUTTA AND BOMBAY.

ON SATURDAY, the 20th July, 1878, at Noon, the Company's S. S. *AMAZONE*, Commandant Norddeutsche, with MAILED, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this Port for the above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted until Noon, Friday, the 18th Instant.

Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m. on the 18th July, 1878. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office.)

Contents and value of Packages are required.

For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

H. DU POUET,

Agent.

Hongkong, July 15, 1878. jy20

U. S. MAIL LINE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP
COMPANY.

THROUGH TO NEW YORK, VIA
OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND FOUNDRY
AT YOKOHAMA, AND SAN FRANCISCO.

THE U. S. Mail Steamer *CHINA* will be despatched for San Francisco, via Yokohama, on SATURDAY, the 20th Instant, at 3 o'clock p.m., taking Passengers, and Freight, for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japanese Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States via Overland Railways, to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America by the Company's connecting Steamers.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic Lines of Steamers.

A REDUCTION OF TWENTY PER CENT on regular rates is granted to OFFICERS OF THE ARMY AND NAVY, and MEMBERS OF THE CIVIL AND CONSULAR SERVICES IN COMMISION.

Freight will be received on board until 4 p.m. of 19th Instant. Parcel Packages will be received at the office until 5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Overland Cargo should be sent to the Company's Offices in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 2, Praya Central.

RUSSELL & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, July 15, 1878. jy20



STEAM FOR
Singapore, Penang, Point de Galle,
Aden, Suez, Malta, Brindisi,
Ancona, Venice, Mediterranean
Ports, Southampton,
and London direct,
Also,

Bombay, Madras, Calcutta, and
Australia.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship *ZAMBIA*, Captain A. SIMONS, will leave this on SATURDAY, the 27th July, at Noon.

For further particulars, apply to
A. LIND, Superintendent.

Hongkong, July 15, 1878. jy27

Occidental & Oriental Steam-
ship Company.

TAKING THROUGH CARGO AND
PASSENGERS FOR THE UNITED
STATES AND EUROPE,
IN CONNECTION WITH THE
CENTRAL

UNION PACIFIC AND CONNECTING
RAILROAD COMPANIES
AND
ATLANTIC STEAMERS.

THE S. S. "OCEANIC" will be despatched for San Francisco via Yokohama, on or about August 1st, at 3 p.m., taking Cargo and Passengers for Japan, the United States and Europe.

Connection is made at Yokohama, with Steamers from Shanghai.

Freight will be received on Board until 6 p.m. of the 31st July. PARCEL PACKAGES will be received at the Office until 5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

A Remittance is made on Return Passages TICKETS.

For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 2, Queen's Road Central.

G. B. SWORY, Agent.

Hongkong, July 4, 1878.

Intimations.

W. BAILL.

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PRAYA WEST, HONGKONG,
Near the Canton Steamers' Wharf,
Hongkong, July 13, 1878.

A. AFONG,
PHOTOGRAPHER,
by appointment, to

H. E. SIR ARTHUR KENNEDY,
H. E. ADMIRAL ALFRED P. RYDER,
and to

H. I. H. THE GRAND DUKE ALEXIS
OF RUSSIA.

Hongkong, July 25, 1878.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & CO.

Hongkong, July 25, 1878.

MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE
COMPANY OF MANCHESTER
AND LONDON.

HONGKONG, OCTOBER 14, 1868.

SHEONG ON FIRE INSURANCE
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CAPITAL ONE MILLION DOLLARS.

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HOUSE OIL.

SEALED TENDERS will be received at this Office till July 1st next, for the Supply of 5000 Gallons VEGETABLE OIL for use at the LIGHTHOUSES in the Southern Division of China, for the Year 1879. Printed forms of Tender for each of the 3 following kinds of Oil can be had at this Office on application, viz:

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2ND PEA-NUT OIL
3RD RAPE-SEED OIL.

The Oil to be perfectly pure and unmixed, of the best quality and color, and quite free from all impurities and sediment, and is to be delivered at the Customs Godowns at Amoy in the following quantities viz:

1000 Gallons on or before 1st November next,
1500 " " 1st December
2000 " " 1st March, 1879.

The Oil as it is delivered will be measured at the Custom House and 144 Imperial gallons will be taken to weigh 1 picul, and each Tender must be accompanied by a sample in a clear glass bottle of not less quantity than half a pint.

No Tender will be accepted on any other forms than those issued from this Office.

The Covers to be headed "Tender for Light-house Oil."

The Commissioner does not pledge himself to accept the lowest or any Tender.

R. B. MOORHEAD,
Commissioner of Customs.

Custom House,
Amoy, 15th June, 1878.

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QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY.

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Hongkong, January 1, 1874.

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ANCE COMPANY.

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on Goods to the extent of £10,000, and on
Goods stored therein, at the usual Rates, subject to an immediate Dis-
count of 20 per cent.

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reduction in Premium for Life Insurance in
China.

J. Y. VERNON SHAW.

Hongkong, June 1, 1878.

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JAS. B. COUGHTRIE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, November 1, 1871.

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